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SUBJ: VISIT OF GDR PLAYWRIGHT HEINER MUELLER

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1. IREX GRANTEES JOAN GLICK AND JIM STEAKLEY, WHO ATTENDED ANNUAL MEETING OF MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCTION IN SAN FRANCISCO DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, REPORTED THAT PARTIAL IVP GRANTEE HEINER MUELLER' ENJOYED A GREAT SUCCESS DURING THE SYMPOSIUM DEVOTED TO HIS WORKS HELD AT THE MLFA MEETING. THEY SAID HE WAS VERY FORTHCOMING AND OPEN, USING BOTH GERMAN AND ENGLISH. HE REPORTEDLY RECEIVED MANY INVITATIONS TO SPEAK AT U.S. UNIVERSITIES AS A RESULT OF HIS APPEARANCE.

2. AT THE SYMPOSIUM, TWO OF HIS PLAYS WERE DEALT WITH AND DISCUSSED, "DIE SCHLACHT" (MOST ACCURATELY TRANSLATED IN THIS CASE AS "THE SLAUGHTER") AND "MAUSER" (HERO'S NAME). A SCENE WAS READ FROM "DIE SCHLACHT" AND THEN THE PLAY DISCUSSED. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE IREX GRANTEES WERE VALUABLE PARTICIPANTS, SINCE THEY HAD SEEN IT PERFORMED IN THE GDR. "MAUSER" WAS SHOWN ON A VTR DONE 75 THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, WHERE MUELLER IS CURRENTLY A WRITER IN RESIDENCE. MUELLER AUTOGRAPHED COPIES OF THE PLAYS WHICH HE HAD BROUGHT FOR THE OCCASION.

3. IN MARCH/APRIL, MUELLER WILL BE IN THE WASHINGTON AREA ESCORTED BY JOAN GLICK, WHO WILL BE BACK AT JOHNS HOPKINS BY THEN, WHERE SHE IS COMPLETING HER DOCTORATE. THE EMBASSY
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